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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Mail Processing Network Rationalization Service Changes, 2012

Docket No. N2012-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING EXCUSING WITNESS FROM APPEARING AT HEARING

(Issued June 27, 2012)

No participant filed a notice to conduct oral cross-examination of witness Neri (USPS-SRT-1). Under Commission practice, a witness for whom no participant has requested oral cross-examination and for whom the bench has no questions need not attend formal hearings. Therefore, the foregoing witness is excused from appearing at the June 28, 2012 hearing.

Witness Neri's testimony may be offered into evidence at the hearing through counsel. The testimony must be accompanied by a declaration authenticating its accuracy. 2

¹ The practice of excusing witnesses from appearing at hearings is designed for the convenience of the witnesses and the parties. Nonetheless, if any of the foregoing witnesses prefers to offer his (or her) testimony in person at the hearing, that arrangement will be accommodated.

² The testimony of the foregoing witness will be offered for inclusion in the record at the outset of the hearing.

RULING

The testimony of witness Neri (USPS-SRT-1) may be offered into evidence at the hearing by counsel. The witness need not appear at the hearing.

Ruth Y. Goldway Presiding Officer